



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 3.6

MEETING DATE: 08/09/2022

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Juan Gutierrez

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Ray Espinosa

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH- R. ESPINOSA

Approve contract renewal for Merced Behavioral Center for Locked Psychiatric Sub-Acute level Skilled Nursing services for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for a maximum amount of \$89,000.00.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Behavioral Health Department clients may require inpatient, Locked Psychiatric Sub-Acute level Skilled Nursing services as part of their ongoing treatment plan. This contract provides for this level of service. Our County does not have a long-term locked facility such as Merced Behavioral Center available within our local community. Historically we have utilized this contractor and other similar service providers for this level of care. Clients are generally placed at this level of care on an involuntary basis and are under the authority of LPS conservatorship. Because we cannot predict which facility will have available beds, we contract with several such providers. This is done to assure that beds will be available when needed.

This service is generally funded with a combination of a client's SSI benefits and mental

health realignment funds. These services are not a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal program for beneficiaries between ages 21-64. The Behavioral Health Department by history has placed three to four clients per year requiring this type of care at Institutes for Mental Diseases (IMD). In recent years, however, we have experienced a decline in utilization of this high level of care, in large measure due to the success of our MHSA Full Service Partnership Services (FSP) that provide 24/7 wraparound care for those with the most severe mental illness, which has allowed such individuals to live in less restrictive levels of residence.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:

There have been 8 previous contracts with Merced Behavioral Center.

Based on the BOS presentation from January 25, 2022, this contractor's facility falls under the category of Inpatient Hospital/Residential Treatment Contracts. An RFP for this type of contract is not advised because these type of fee for service contracts are secured in the event an individual presents themselves needing this level of care and needs to be placed at this type of facility. The department contracts with various similar facilities in an attempt to secure a bed as these resources are shared with other counties

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

\$89,000.00

STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

228.90.2520.1000.630.116

CURRENT FY COST:

\$16,756.69

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve contract with Merced Behavioral Center for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for a maximum amount of \$89,000 and;
2. Authorize the Board Chair to sign said contract.

ATTACHMENTS:

[22-23 Merced Behavioral Center CoCo.pdf](#)